



Democratic Rep.: Troops Need More Rest

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WASHINGTON -- Democrats on Saturday touted legislation to guarantee troops time at home between

"The president's surge has sent many of our Army units to Iraq for the second and third time. We are asking

The measure would require that regular military units returning from the war receive at least as much time

Under the Pentagon's current policy, active-duty troops typically serve deployments of up to 15 months,

Bush's war adviser, Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute, said Friday the Pentagon needs to reevaluate deployment le

"Come the spring, some variables will have to change _ either the degree to which the American ground

Bush complained that Tauscher's bill would put arbitrary constraints on Pentagon commanders. But Tau

"If we are honest about wanting to support our troops, there is no better place to start than with the rest

In the Senate, similar legislation by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., won a majority vote of 56-41 in July but fell f

The vote on Tauscher's bill shortly before Congress left Washington for its August recess was the latest

The president vetoed legislation this spring that included a timeline for a troop withdrawal.

Petraeus told lawmakers visiting Iraq this month that a U.S. presence in Iraq is likely to be needed for an

Schakowsky, a member of the Out of Iraq caucus, said she returned from the trip convinced more than e

"Calling for patience, at this point, I don't believe is going to work with the American people," she told rep